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**Kenyan piracy court sentences seven Somali pirates to five years in jail**  
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Kenya's piracy court sentenced seven Somali pirates to five years in jail on Monday.

The Mombasa court found the pirates guilty of attacking a German naval supply ship in the Gulf of Aden in March 2009. After the seven pirates attacked the German FGS Spessart, mistaking it for a commercial vessel, they were chased and captured by the German frigate FGS Rheinland-Pfalz, which handed them over to Kenyan authorities in April last year.

The European Union anti-piracy task force says it welcomes the court's decision. The "judgment marks an important step in the cooperation between [the] EU and Kenya in the repression of acts of piracy and armed robbery off the coast of Somalia," said Major General Buster Howes, the force's operation commander.

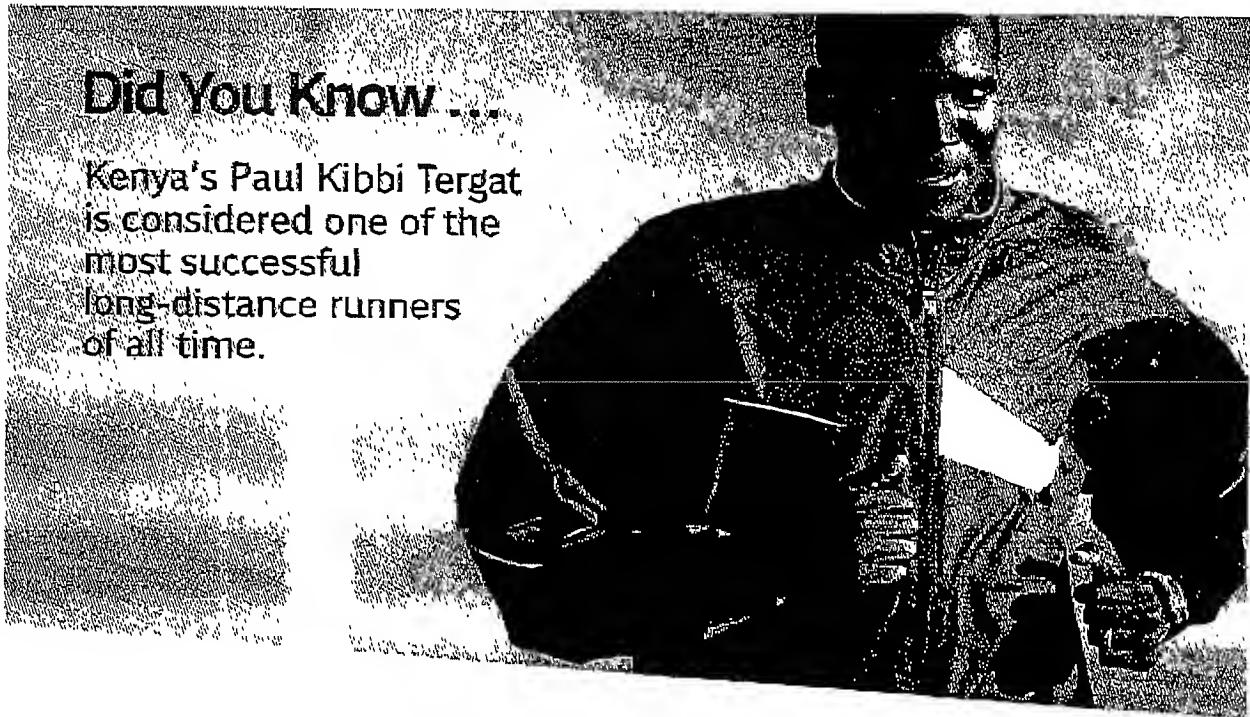
The \$5 million piracy court at Mombasa's Shimo la Tewa prison, funded through the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), opened in early July this year as part of an international effort to "increase trial efficiency in the system and provide a secure, modern environment suitable for piracy cases," the UNODC said.

Kenya has convicted 35 Somalis of piracy since it concluded its first piracy case in 2006.

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- ▶ Paul Kibbi Tergat held the world record in the marathon from 2003 to 2007.
- ▶ During his career, he won a long list of gold, silver and bronze medals in running competitions around the world.
- ▶ Since 2004, Tergat has been an ambassador for the UN World Food Program, which provided him with school lunch as a child, since his parents were too poor to send him to school with food. Tergat says he could not have finished school without this program.

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